



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Southeast District Office

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Bob Taft, Governor  
Jennette Bradley, Lieutenant Governor  
Christopher Jones, Director

August 31, 2004

Re: Belmont County  
American Energy Corp., Century Mine  
Notice of Violation  
OIL00091\*GD  
Correspondence (IWW)

Mr. Ron Burdette  
American Energy Corp. Century Mine  
Township Road 88  
Armstrong Mills, Ohio 43904

Dear Mr. Burdette:

On July 20, 2004, Ryszard Lecznar of the Division of Surface Water from the Southeast District Office inspected a portion of the American Energy Corp. (AEC) Century Mine near Pea Vine Creek in response to a complaint. He met with you and a subcontractor, Larry Conway. The complaint alleged water pollution was occurring in Pea Vine Creek as a result of air shaft development by or on behalf of your company. During the inspection, it was noted that white material which appeared to be sediment from the drilling operation was still visible in the creek. Mr. Conway indicated that he caused the discharge of this material into the creek as a result of the air shaft development operation.

This discharge constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111. AEC must stop the discharge and obtain proper permits from Ohio EPA prior to commencing the discharge. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action with appropriate fines up to \$10,000 per day of discharge.

Please provide a written response, within 14 days of receipt of this Notice of Violation, detailing how this situation will be resolved. If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5284 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ms. Abbot Stevenson  
Environmental Engineer  
Permits and Enforcement Section  
Division of Surface Water

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c: Melanie Homen Murray, American Energy Corp.  
c: Brian Baker, Division of Wildlife





## ANNUAL DISCHARGE FEE PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Friday, August 27, 2004

0IL00091

Bennoc Inc Wayne Twp Rd 88  
PO BOX 208  
MORRISTOWN, OH 43759

**This is a preliminary notification that your 2004 Annual Discharge Fee (ADF), authorized by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3745-11, will be due on January 31, 2005. Do not send payment at this time.**

In order to ensure correct invoices are sent out later this year, and to provide you with adequate time to plan for this expense, the flow and fee due for your facility are listed below. The annual discharge fee for the calendar year 2004 is based upon the average volume of wastewater discharged by your facility during the previous year (2003) between May 1 and October 31. The fee schedule, pursuant to ORC 3745-11, is provided below.

Please review this information carefully. If the flow information is incorrect, you must provide a written explanation and include copies of your original EPA 4500 Forms (Monthly Operating Report) for May through October 2003 showing the signatures at the bottom of the forms. Pursuant to ORC 3745-11(5)(a)(ii), if you are entitled to a pro-rated fee, provide a written explanation, referencing your permit number. This information must be mailed to the following address by October 1, 2004.

**ADF Adjustment  
Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water  
P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049**

If you have any questions, please contact the ADF hotline at (614) 644-2153 or via e-mail at [adf@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:adf@epa.state.oh.us).

**DO NOT SEND PAYMENT AT THIS TIME. THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE.**

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Facility Name:                | Bennoc Inc Wayne Twp Rd 88 |                       |                 |
| NPDES Permit No.:             | 0IL00091                   | Base Fee:             | \$180.00        |
| Average Daily Flow:           | NA - Statutory Fee Applied | Major Surcharge       |                 |
| (Design flow if new facility) |                            | <b>TOTAL FEE DUE:</b> | <b>\$180.00</b> |

| INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Flow (MGD)            | Fee       |
| >0.005 - 0.05         | \$ 250    |
| >0.05 - 0.25          | \$ 1,200  |
| >0.25 - 1             | \$ 2,950  |
| >1 - 5                | \$ 5,850  |
| >5 - 10               | \$ 8,800  |
| >10 - 20              | \$ 11,700 |
| >20 - 100             | \$ 14,050 |
| >100 - 250            | \$ 16,400 |
| >250                  | \$ 18,700 |
| Major Surcharge       | \$ 7,500  |

| PUBLIC FACILITIES |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Flow (MGD)        | Fee       |
| >0.005 - 0.05     | \$ 200    |
| >0.05 - 0.1       | \$ 500    |
| >0.1 - 0.25       | \$ 1,050  |
| >0.25 - 1         | \$ 2,600  |
| >1 - 5            | \$ 5,200  |
| >5 - 10           | \$ 10,350 |
| >10 - 20          | \$ 15,550 |
| >20 - 50          | \$ 25,900 |
| >50 - 100         | \$ 41,400 |
| >100              | \$ 62,100 |